

WORLD OF RADIO #1239, produced July 21, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

- *Standard disclaimer
- *New edition of my monthly Spanish DX report Mundo Radial now available via <http://www.worldofradio.com> and also thrice weekly on WWCN 15825, from July 23, Fridays 2115, Tuesdays 2130, Wednesdays 2100; this one includes Bjoern Malm's recording of WDHP 1620 Virgin Islands relaying Radio Marti
- *Seeing it on TV would be preferable, but people ask me about Olympic coverage on SW. Voice of Greece foregoes golden opportunity to increase language services, suspending them all during August, with ERA only carrying the SPORT network in Greek
- *Radio Netherlands special Olympic programming only in Dutch, August 14-29 including relays of NOS' Radiolympia, SW schedule to Europe
- *BBC World Service is best hope for English speakers, every night during Olympics from 1800 UT for 1.5 or 2 hours; not to Americas, but on web. Try frequencies to ME, Europe or Africa, such as 17830
- *Longwave station proposed for Isle of Man, could revive the name Radio Caroline, which they have registered; 279 kHz from next year
- *European MW DXers lamenting the end of their best open MW DX frequency, 1350, as R. Orient, Nice, France, has gone on the air with at least 300 kW, tho authorized for as much as 2500 kW, mostly in Arabic, ``Idha`at al Sharq``; blocks low-power AMs in Britain on 1350 and all other DX, but is it 24/7?
- *Bob Zanotti, two years after retiring from Swiss Radio International, is launching his own 'unplugged' multimedia website from August 1, <http://www.switzerlandinsound.com> Introduced with a special one-hour show reminiscing with Bob Thomann
- *But SwissInfo is starting a special farewell series of English programs from August 1, the first about the evolution of Swiss SW Service into SwissInfo; suspect this 'radio' program is only on the net via <http://www.swissinfo.org>
- *US to finance construction of a new building for RFE/RL so it can move out of the center of Prague for security reasons; pending USG and Congressional approval
- *ITU SW site list has just added a new one in Kuwait, at 29N31, 47E41, so IBB SW transmitters planned since 2001 may now be materializing; look out for tests, new frequencies. This is NW of Kuwait City, not at previous Kabd site south of the city; see DXLD 4-108 and 4-110 for speculation about what became of Kuwaiti SW transmitters with the Gulf war
- *BBC Monitoring issued another comprehensive update on Iraqi media, excerpted in DXLD 4-109, and entire including non-broadcast press material, at <http://www.w4uvh.net/mediraq.txt>
- *Includes Republic of Iraq Radio with English news at 1100-1105 within music block in English, at 1032-1120, on MW 603, 1026, 1071, FM 98.3 in Baghdad area, when there is no nighttime propagation
- *V. of Turkey provides excellent free-speech opportunity in more ways

than one, Live from Turkey, Tuesdays 1850-1920 on 9785, but few participate. Anyone may phone in and talk about what they like after VOT calls them back at station expense, over 500 kW transmitter audible mainly in Europe. Call 90 312 491-2008

- *V. of New Sudan, our lead item last week, from southern Sudan, about to test on 9310: delayed until July 23 at the earliest. Check during local morning and afternoon hours. Still confused about local time there, UT+2 or UT+3
- *Strike at Africa Number One, Gabon, began July 15 with news replaced by music on 9580, 17630. Threatened to cut off RFI and NHK relays too if no settlement by July 20 when heard at 2006 with continuous pop music [strike was settled by July 22]
- *Winter solstice DXpedition in New Zealand pulled in R. Mauritania, 4845 at local noon, 0012 UT; probably mostly via south polar region
- *Catholic Radio Network, 4960, heard as early as 1940 past 2000; is it actually on air 24 hours?
- *Nuestro Sello, classical music from Spain at 1400 on 17595 heard here with no interference, tho R. New Horizon, Chan Tro Moi, clandestine via Germany for Vietnam is scheduled on same at 1330-1430. Is it really there?
- *Bangladesh frequencies 9550 and 15520 not in use as of June 28
- *The media magazine you monitor with your mind, World of Radio 1239, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702, USA; or woradio at yahoo.com
- *Thanks this week for financial support go to Jennifer Ellis, Maine
- *At least four mistakes on last week's program. Albania in English to North America is daily except UT Mondays; service to Afghanistan is InterNews, not InfoNews; new frequency from Pakistan is 15070, not 11570 which is an old one continuing; Dominican Republic x-band frequency omitted: 1640
- *Mark Tully denounces Prasar Bharati, public service broadcasting in India, as serving only interests of government, listeners are idiots
- *Group in UK, Friends of Maldives planning to set up independent radio station for the islands, probably from outside via SW. Details when we have them
- *Radio Aap ki Dunya, the VOA Urdu station for Pakistan, has to make compromises in content, such as avoiding news about Pakistan or India on the FM relays, tho this continues on sites outside the country
- *Khalid Hassan, Pakistani correspondent in Washington, analyzes VOA situation: jokers sold its governors ridiculous ideas. And whoever picked the name 'Aap ki Dunya' should be paraded around Washington and Islamabad on a donkey back to front. Deal for FM-101 network coverage made with Clarity Communications even tho everyone knows it is owned by R. Pakistan
- *RFA Guild Unit concerned that Radio Free Asia Cantonese service will be maintained only by hiring people in Hong Kong to run it
- *WRMI looking for replacement frequency in 7 MHz area due to continuous interference on 7385; Christian Media Network cut back on 15725, so WRMI is filling four more hours M-F on 15725 with World

Radio Network relays, at 1200-1600. Stations benefiting from this are Netherlands, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Romania, Korea

- *FCC denies Clear Channel application to move WWVA from Wheeling WV to Stow OH, following pressure from public and WV members of congress
- *Clear Channel says it will reduce proportion of advertising to programming on its radio stations
- *KNFT, Silver City NM, pulls one-hour liberal talk show off the air, Radio Free Silver, due to extreme pressure from local advertisers
- *John Plimmer, South Africa, DXed and verified KVNS 1700, Texas, 14 megameters away with 880 watts
- *Real reason for closure of R. Mexico Internacional June 1: such was recommended to IMER by a US firm, Mercer Management Consulting, after a 7.5 megapeso study in December
- *Beware of R. La Hora, Peru, 4855, putting out spurs, the latest being 5062.35
- *R. Virgen de Remedios, new Bolivian testing on 5500, 5945.2, says its authorized frequency will be 3330, at 0000-0200 only, once antenna is ready; run by Bolivian and Polish padres
- *R. Piranha Internacional, deep South America pirate, testing all night lately on 6307.2 variable; DXed in New York between 0900 and 1000 despite power of only 13 watts. Another marathon from July 23 until 26 [before closing down indefinitely]
- *CBC Radio will be on Sirius satellite, and available to U S as well as Canadian subscribers
- *Quite a flap in Canada over CRTC denying license renewal to CHOI in Quebec, while authorizing Al-Jazeera to be carried on cable and satellite --- but its content must be monitored, an impossible task
- *Al Jazeera has put forward its new code of ethics; see DXLD 4-109
- *Upcoming DX meetings: International Radio Club of America, July 23-25 in Boise at Rodeway Inn, circa2004 @ aol.com July 30-August 1, Worldwide TV FM DX Association in Omaha NE, Park Plaza Regency Lodge <http://www.amfmdx.net/WTFDA2004/> And July 29-August 1, 10th annual National Mexican DX Meeting in Veracruz, Hotel Meson del Mar; if you still might go, hurry to get details from Jeff White, info @ wrmi.net
- *Look out for auroral conditions, due to solar flare July 20 at 1230 causing blackout; solar flux shot up and 21 MHz open next day
- *Propagation outlook from Boulder July 20: flux range 170-110
- *That's World of Radio 1239; Glenn Hauser inviting you to hear me again next week ###